



**PATENT** (5298-06500/ PM01026)

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In re Application of:

Ramkumar et al.

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For: METHOD OF FORMING

> SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURES WITH REDUCED STEP HEIGHTS

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## **AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 26, 2003**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.